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COMMUNITY INFO: Cambridge Police Share Housebreak Prevention Tips & Remind Cambridgeport Residents to be Vigilant

June 24, 2011 – The Cambridge Police Department would like to remind residents to be vigilant as certain types of crimes, such as housebreaks and offences involving motor vehicles, are known to increase during the summer months based on historical trends.

Although there are not currently any patterns identified in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, CPD encourages residents to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their homes, and their belongings from housebreaks, and to prevent any patterns from emerging:

- Try “casing” your own home at night and during the day. Attempt to gain access to your home when the doors and windows are locked and secure.
- ALWAYS lock your doors and windows. Install guards on windows that prevent them from being raised more than a few inches.
- Leave a light on (perhaps on a timer) when you go away, even for the evening.
- Install motion sensor lights outside your home and out of reach so burglars cannot unscrew the light.
- Be vigilant. If you suspect suspicious activity around your home, your neighbors’ homes, or in your neighborhood, please report it to the police immediately by calling 617-349-3300. If it’s an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.
- Request a FREE Residential Security Survey from CPD which provides a general assessment of the vulnerability of your residence. To do so, please call 617-349-3236.

For more information about housebreaks and how you can protect yourself, visit

http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/Flyer_Housbreaks_FINAL2.pdf.

CPD also encourages residents to review BridgeStat, a monthly report available on our website, which details crime and disorder issue in the city as well as emerging crime patterns in individual neighborhoods. BridgeStat is released to the public on the first Friday of each month and is available at www.CambridgePolice.org/BridgeStat.

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